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October 7, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FISCAL YEAR 2004-05 ANNUAL BUDGET
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Approve the enclosed Fiscal Year 2004-05 Budget for the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA), a Joint Powers Authority consisting of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On April 1, 2003, Synopsis 34, your Board approved a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the District and the RMC to create the WCA. The role of the WCA is to facilitate the development and implementation of a comprehensive program to improve open space and recreational opportunities along the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River watershed areas that are consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge, and water conservation. The WCA is also empowered to acquire and protect lands for watershed protection, conservation, natural open space, and recreational purposes.

The agreement entered into by the District and RMC contains several terms and conditions regarding fiscal controls over expenditures of public funds. The WCA is required to adopt an annual budget in a form approved by the District and RMC. The WCA may only disburse funds pursuant to a budget that has been adopted by the WCA and approved by your Board and the governing Board of the RMC.

The WCA budget for Fiscal Year 2004-05 has been approved by the governing Boards of both the WCA and RMC. Copies of the RMC and WCA resolutions are enclosed. Your Board's approval will allow the WCA to commence receipt and disbursement of funds in conformance with the adopted budget.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goals of Fiscal Responsibility by developing a partnership to effectively manage and leverage our resources and Organizational Effectiveness due to cross jurisdictional collaborative efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The proposed projects and other expenditures identified in the enclosed budget will be funded by Propositions 13, 40, and 50 grants awarded to the WCA by the RMC. Approval of the budget will enable the WCA to award State dollars to fund projects of mutual interest to the District and the RMC.

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement previously approved between the District and RMC also provides for both parties to make contributions to the WCA. The value of the District's contribution shall not exceed \$25,000, in any fiscal year, plus \$500 per annum to cover the costs of mailing notices and other required expenditures. Sufficient funds to cover the District's contribution have been allocated in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Flood Control District Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Creation of the WCA was authorized pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act under Government Code Section 6500 et. seq.

The budget has been approved and adopted by the governing Boards of the WCA and RMC.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The approval of the WCA Annual Budget is an action that is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it will not have a direct or indirect physical impact on the environment in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the WCA Annual Budget will not have a negative impact on the current level of services provided by the District or by the County of Los Angeles.

CONCLUSION

Please return two approved copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,



for DONALD L. WOLFE
Interim Director of Public Works

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cc: Auditor-Controller
Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FY 2004/05 Annual Budget**

EXPENSE

OPERATIONAL

Postage		\$ 1,000.00
Office Supplies		\$ 300.00
Copying		\$ 500.00
Board Insurance		\$ 3,600.00
Board Bond		\$ 1,000.00
Misc.		\$ 4,000.00
Operational Sub Total		\$ 10,400.00

CAPITALProposition 13

Woodland Duck Farm	13616-03	\$ 3,000,000.00
		<u>\$ 3,000,000.00</u>

Proposition 40

Trail and Recreational Opportunities	RMC03240	\$ 500,000.00
Woodland Duck Farm	RMC03243	\$ 250,000.00
Trail, Bike Path, Access, and Signage	RMC03248	\$ 500,000.00
RMC Project Implementation	RMC03254	\$ 3,936,450.00
Woodland Duck Farm	RMC03255	\$ 1,300,000.00
Bellflower Riverview Park Acquisition	RMC03261	\$ 200,000.00
		<u>\$ 6,686,450.00</u>

Proposition 50

RMC Project Implementation	RMC03254	\$ 4,500,000.00
		<u>\$ 4,500,000.00</u>

Capital Sub Total **\$ 14,186,450.00**

EXPENSE GRAND TOTAL **\$ 14,196,850.00**

REVENUE

STATE BONDS

Position 13	\$ 3,000,000.00
Proposition 40	\$ 6,686,450.00
Proposition 50	\$ 4,500,000.00
State Bond Sub Total.	\$ 14,186,450.00

JPA CONTRIBUTIONS

RMC	\$ 5,200.00
Los Angeles County Public Works	\$ 5,200.00
State Bond Sub Total.	\$ 10,400.00

REVENUE GRAND TOTAL **\$ 14,196,850.00**

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RESOLUTION 2004-29

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS
ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADOPTING THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FY 2004/05 ANNUAL BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the RMC is a state agency created to acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open space, low impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement and wildlife and habitat restoration and protection; and

WHEREAS, the LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ("DISTRICT"), is a flood control district, whose purpose is to provide for the control and conservation of the flood, storm and other waste waters of said district, to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes and to protect from damage from such flood or storm waters, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of both the RMC and the DISTRICT to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, The RMC must approve WCA's budget; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved, that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the RMC.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. APPROVES the staff report dated July 19, 2004 and the amendment to the FY 2004/05 annual budget in the amount of \$ 14,196,950.00.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on July 19, 2004.


Bev Perry, Vice-Chairperson

ATTEST


Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

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RESOLUTION 2004-12

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY (WCA) ADOPTING FY 2004/05 ANNUAL
BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority has been established to facilitate joint projects between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority must adopt an annual budget; and

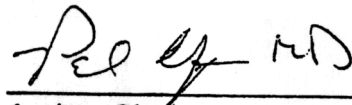
WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Therefore be it resolved, that the WCA hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WCA.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer to make inter-category budget line item transfers of up to 10% within the total amount authorized in the budget provided that such transfers shall be reported to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
4. ADOPTS the staff report dated July 19, 2004 and the FY 2004/05 annual budget.


End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY on July 19, 2004.



Acting-Chairperson

ATTEST:



Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General